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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES.

MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

The annual report of the Director of the mint.

February 12, 1853.—Ordered to be printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith communicate, for the information of Congress, a copy of the report of the Director of the mint for the past year.

MILLARD FILLMORE.

Washington, *February* 8, 1853.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, January 29, 1853.

Sir: In compliance with the second section of the mint act of January 18, 1837, I have the honor to report the operations of the mint and branch mints during the past year.

The coinage at the principal mint, during the year 1852, amounted to $52,403,669 44; of which $51,505,638 50 were in gold, $847,410 in silver, and $50,630 94 in copper. This coinage was comprised in 32,612,949 pieces—being the largest number ever before struck at the mint in a single year. The deposites received were $50,874,131 in gold, and $952,297 in silver; making a total of $51,826,428.

The coinage at the branch mint, New Orleans, amounted to $4,622,000; of which $4,470,000 were in gold, and $152,000 in silver. The number of pieces struck was 1,418,000. The deposites were $3,935,668 in gold, and $118,694 in silver; total $4,054,362.

The coinage of the branch mint, Charlotte, North Carolina, amounted to $396,734 in gold—comprised in 91,780 pieces. The deposites were $430,900 in gold.

The coinage of the branch mint, Dahlonega, Georgia, amounted to $473,815 in gold—comprised in 101,890 pieces. The deposites were $476,789 in gold.

The total coinage at the four mints was $57,896,218 44; of which there was—in gold $56,846,187 50, in silver $999,410, and in copper $50,630 94. This coinage was comprised in 34,224,619 pieces.

The total amount deposited for coinage was $56,788,479; of which there was in gold $55,717,488, and in silver $1,070,991.

The deposites of gold received from mines in the United States amounted to $54,506,963; of which there was from California the sum of $53,794,700; from other States of the Union $712,263. During the year 1851 the amount of gold received from California was $55,938,232; from other States, $602,380; total domestic gold $56,540,612. Hence it appears that the receipts from California in 1852 fell short of those in 1851 by $2,143,532, while those from other States of the Union were increased by $109,883.

The coinage of three-cent pieces amounted to $559,905, which was 56 per cent. of the total coinage of silver. The demand for this piece has not been due to its intrinsic importance in currency, but to the fact that it is the only one whose proportionate value to gold allows of its issue from the mint, under present laws. The necessity of some legislation, which, by readjusting the proportionate weights of the gold and silver coins, shall admit of the issue and permanent circulation of the latter, is becoming every day more imperative.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, your obedient servant,

GEO. N. ECKERT,
Director.

MILLARD FILLMORE,
President of the United States.

Statement of deposites and coinage at the mint of the United States and its branches in the year 1852.

	Charlotte.	Dahlonega.	New Orleans.	Philadelphia.	Total.
DEPOSITES.					
Gold.					
U. S. coins, old standard, dolls.	.....	.....	.....	13,323	13,323
Foreign coins .....do..	.....	.....	136,211	842,595	978,806
U. S. bullion.....do..	430,900	476,789	3,777,784	49,821,490	54,506,963
Foreign bullion.....do..	.....	.....	21,673	196,723	218,396
Total gold .....do..	430,900	476,789	3,935,668	50,874,131	55,717,488
Silver.					
Foreign coins.....dollars	.....	.....	31,464	502,947	534,411
Foreign bullion.....do..	.....	.....	64,396	67,690	132,086
U. S. bullion .....do..	.....	.....	22,834	381,660	404,494
Total silver.....do..	.....	.....	118,694	952,297	1,070,991
Total gold and silver..do..	430,900	476,789	4,054,362	51,826,428	56,788,479
COINAGE.					
Gold.					
Double-eagles .....pieces	.....	.....	190,000	2,053,026	2,243,026
Eagles .....do..	.....	.....	18,000	263,106	281,106
Half-eagles .....do..	72,574	91,452	.....	573,901	737,927
Quarter-eagles .....do..	9,772	4,078	140,000	1,159,681	1,313,531
Dollars.....do..	9,434	6,360	140,000	2,045,351	2,201,145
Value of gold.....dollars	396,734	473,815	4,470,000	51,505,638 50	56,846,187 50
Silver.					
Dollars .....pieces	.....	.....	.....	1,100	1,100
Half-dollars.....do..	.....	.....	144,000	77,130	221,130
Quarter-dollars .....do..	.....	.....	96,000	177,060	273,060
Dimes .....do..	.....	.....	430,000	1,535,500	1,965,500
Half-dimes .....do..	.....	.....	260,000	1,000,500	1,260,500
Three-cents.....do..	.....	.....	.....	18,663,500	18,663,500
Value of silver .....dollars	.....	.....	152,000	847,410	999,410
Copper.					
Cents.....pieces	.....	.....	.....	5,063,094	5,063,094
Value of copper .....dollars	.....	.....	.....	50,630 94	50,630 94
Total coinage.....pieces	91,780	101,890	1,418,000	32,612,949	34,224,619
Total coinage .....dollars	396,734	473,815	4,622,000	52,403,669 44	57,896,218 44

Coinage of the mint and branches from their organization to the close of the year 1852.

1. MINT OF THE UNITED STATES, PHILADELPHIA.

Periods.	GOLD COINAGE.				
	Double-eagles.	Eagles.	Half-eagles.	Quarter-eagles.	Dollars.
	Pieces.	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*
1793 to 1817	.....	132,592	845,909	22,197	.....
1818 to 1837	.....	.....	3,087,925	879,903	.....
1838 to 1847	.....	1,227,759	3,269,921	345,526	.....
1848	.....	145,484	260,775	8,886	.....
1849	.....	653,618	133,070	23,294	688,567
1850	1,170,261	291,451	64,491	252,923	481,953
1851	2,087,155	176,328	377,505	1,372,748	3,317,671
1852	2,053,026	263,106	573,901	1,159,681	2,045,351
Total	5,310,442	2,890,338	8,613,497	4,065,158	6,533,542

Periods.	SILVER COINAGE					
	Dollars.	Half-dollars.	Quarter-dollars.	Dimes.	Half-dimes.	Three-cents.
	Pieces.	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*
1793 to 1817	1,439,517	13,104,433	650,280	1,007,151	265,543	.....
1818 to 1837	1,000	74,793,560	5,041,749	11,854,949	14,463,700	.....
1838 to 1847	879,873	20,203,333	4,952,073	11,387,995	11,093,235	.....
1848	15,000	580,000	146,000	451,500	668,000	.....
1849	62,600	1,252,000	340,000	839,000	1,309,000	.....
1850	7,500	227,000	190,800	1,931,500	955,000	.....
1851	1,300	200,750	160,000	1,026,500	781,000	5,447,400
1852	1,100	77,130	177,060	1,535,500	1,000,500	18,663,500
Total	2,407,890	110,438,206	11,657,962	30,034,095	30,535,978	24,110,900

Coinage of the mint and branches—Continued.

1.—MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA—Continued.

Periods.	COPPER COINAGE.		TOTAL COINAGE.				
	Cents.	Half-cents.	Number of pieces coined.	Value of gold.	Value of silver.	Value of copper.	Total value coined.
	Pieces.	*Pieces.*					
1793 to 1817	29,316,272	5,235,513	52,019,407	$5,610,957 50	$8,268,295 75	$319,340 28	$14,198,593 53
1818 to 1837	46,554,830	2,205,200	158,882,816	17,639,382 50	40,566,897 15	476,574 30	58,682,853 95
1838 to 1847	34,967,663	.....	88,327,378	29,491,010 00	13,913,019 00	349,676 63	43,753,705 63
1848	6,415,799	.....	8,691,444	2,780,930 00	420,050 00	64,157 99	3,265,137 99
1849	4,178,500	39,864	9,519,513	7,948,332 00	922,950 00	41,984 32	8,913,266 32
1850	4,426,844	39,812	10,039,535	27,756,445 50	409,600 00	44,467 50	28,210,513 00
1851	9,889,707	147,672	24,985,736	52,143,446 00	446,797 00	99,635 43	52,689,878 43
1852	5,063,094	.....	32,612,949	51,505,638 50	847,410 00	50,620 94	52,403,669 44
Total	140,812,709	7,668,061	385,078,778	194,876,142 00	65,795,018 90	1,446,457 39	262,117,618 29

Coinage of the mint and branches—Continued.

2.—BRANCH MINT AT NEW ORLEANS.

Periods.	GOLD COINAGE.				
	Double-eagles.	Eagles.	Half-eagles.	Quarter-eagles.	Dollars.
	Pieces.	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*
1838 to 1847	.....	1,026,342	709,925	550,528	.....
1848	.....	35,850	.....	.....	.....
1849	.....	23,900	.....	.....	215,000
1850	141,000	57,500	.....	84,000	14,000
1851	315,000	263,000	41,000	148,000	290,000
1852	190,000	18,000	.....	140,000	140,000
Total	646,000	1,424,592	750,925	922,528	659,000

Coinage of the mint and branches—Continued.

2.—BRANCH MINT AT NEW ORLEANS—Continued.

Periods.	SILVER COINAGE.					
	Dollars.	Half-dollars.	Quarter-dollars.	Dimes.	Half-dimes.	Three-cents.
	Pieces.	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*
1838 to 1847	59,000	13,509,000	3,273,600	6,473,500	2,789,000	.....
1848	.....	3,180,000	.....	.....	600,000	.....
1849	.....	2,310,000	.....	300,000	140,000	.....
1850	40,000	2,456,000	412,000	510,000	690,000	.....
1851	.....	402,000	88,000	400,000	860,000	720,000
1852	.....	144,000	96,000	430,000	260,000	.....
Total	99,000	22,001,000	3,869,600	8,113,500	5,339,000	720,000

Coinage of the mint and branches—Continued.

2.—BRANCH MINT AT NEW ORLEANS—Continued.

Periods.	TOTAL COINAGE.			
	Number of pieces.	Value of gold.	Value of silver.	Total value coined.
1838 to 1847	28,390,895	$15,189,365	$8,418,700	$23,608,065
1848	3,815,850	358,500	1,620,000	1,978,500
1849	2,988,900	454,000	1,192,000	1,646,000
1850	4,404,500	3,619,000	1,456,500	5,075,500
1851	3,527,000	9,795,000	327,600	10,122,600
1852	1,418,000	4,470,000	152,000	4,622,000
Total	44,545,145	33,885,865	13,166,800	47,052,665

Coinage of the mint and branches—Continued.

3.—BRANCH MINT AT CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Periods.	Gold coinage.				
	Half-eagles.	Quarter-eagles.	Dollars.	Total in pieces.	Total in value.
	Pieces.	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*		
1838 to 1847	269,424	123,576	.....	393,000	$1,656,060 00
1848	64,472	16,788	.....	81,260	364,330 00
1849	64,823	10,220	11,634	86,677	361,299 00
1850	63,591	9,148	6,966	79,705	347,791 00
1851	49,176	14,923	41,267	105,366	324,454 50
1852	72,574	9,772	9,434	91,780	396,734 00
Total	584,060	184,427	69,301	837,788	3,450,668 50

Coinage of the mint and branches—Continued.

4.—BRANCH MINT AT DAHLONEGA, GEORGIA.

Periods.	Gold coinage.				
	Half-eagles.	Quarter-eagles.	Dollars.	Total in pieces.	Total in value.
	Pieces.	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*		
1838 to 1847	576,553	134,101	.....	710,654	$3,218,017 50
1848	47,465	13,771	.....	61,236	271,752 50
1849	39,036	10,945	21,588	71,569	244,130 50
1850	43,950	12,148	8,382	64,480	258,502 00
1851	62,710	11,264	9,882	83,856	351,592 00
1852	91,452	4,078	6,360	101,890	473,815 00
Total	861,166	186,307	46,212	1,093,685	4,817,809 50

Coinage of the mint and branches—Continued.

5.—SUMMARY EXHIBIT OF THE COINAGE OF THE MINTS TO THE CLOSE OF 1852.

Mints.	Commencement of coinage.	Gold coinage.	Silver coinage.	Copper coinage.	Entire coinage.	
		Value.	Value.	Value.	In pieces.	In value.
Philadelphia	1793	$194,876,142 00	$65,795,018 90	$1,446,457 39	385,078,778	$262,117,618 29
New Orleans	1838	33,885,865 00	13,166,800 00	.....	44,545,145	47,052,665 00
Charlotte	1838	3,450,668 50	.....	.....	837,788	3,450,668 50
Dahlonega	1838	4,817,809 50	.....	.....	1,093,685	4,817,809 50
Total	.....	237,030,485 00	78,961,818 90	1,446,457 39	431,555,396	317,438,761 29

Statement of the amount of gold of domestic production deposited at the mint of the United States and its branches to the close of 1852.

1.—MINT OF THE UNITED STATES, PHILADELPHIA.

Period.	Virginia.	North Carolina.	South Carolina.	Georgia.	Tennessee.	Alabama.	New Mexico.	California.	Various sources.	Total.
1804 to 1827	.....	$110,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$110,000
1828 to 1837	$427,000	2,519,500	$327,500	$1,763,900	$12,400	.....	.....	.....	$13,200	5,063,500
1838 to 1847	518,294	1,303,636	152,366	566,316	16,499	$45,493	.....	.....	21,037	2,623,641
1848	57,886	109,034	19,228	3,370	3,497	3,670	$682	$44,177	.....	241,544
1849	129,382	102,688	4,309	10,525	2,739	2,977	32,889	5,481,439	144	5,767,092
1850	65,991	43,734	759	5,114	397	1,178	5,392	31,667,505	326	31,790,306
1851	69,052	49,440	12,338	2,490	126	817	890	46,939,367	.....	47,074,520
1852	83,626	65,248	4,505	3,420	.....	254	814	49,663,623	.....	49,821,490
Total	1,351,231	4,303,280	521,005	2,355,135	35,568	54,389	40,667	133,796,111	34,707	142,492,093

2.—BRANCH MINT AT NEW ORLEANS.

1838 to 1847	.....	741	14,306	37,364	1,772	61,903	.....	.....	3,613	119,699
1848	.....	.....	1,488	2,317	947	6,717	.....	1,124	.....	12,593
1849	.....	.....	423	.....	.....	4,062	.....	669,921	2,783	677,189
1850	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,560	.....	4,575,567	894	4,580,021
1851	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,040	.....	8,769,682	.....	8,770,722
1852	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,777,784	.....	3,777,784
Total	.....	741	16,217	39,681	2,719	77,282	.....	17,794,078	7,290	17,938,008

Statement of amount of gold of domestic production deposited at the United States Mint and branches—Continued.

3.—BRANCH MINT, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA.

Periods.	Virginia.	North Carolina.	South Carolina.	Georgia.	Tennessee.	Alabama.	New Mexico.	California.	Other sources.	Total.
1838 to 1847	.....	$1,529,777	$143,941	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$1,673,718
1848	.....	359,075	11,710	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	370,785
1849	.....	378,223	12,509	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	390,732
1850	.....	307,289	13,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	320,289
1851	.....	275,472	25,478	.....	.....	.....	.....	$15,111	.....	316,061
1852	.....	337,604	64,934	.....	.....	.....	.....	28,362	.....	430,900
	.....	3,187,440	271,572	.....	.....	.....	.....	43,473	.....	3,502,485

Statement of amount of gold of domestic production deposited at the United States Mint and branches—Continued.

4.—BRANCH MINT, DAHLONEGA, GEORGIA.

Periods.	Virginia.	North Carolina.	South Carolina.	Georgia.	Tennessee.	Alabama.	New Mexico.	California.	Other sources.	Total.
1838 to 1847	.....	$64,351	$95,427	$2,978,353	$32,175	$47,711	.....	.....	.....	$3,218,017
1848	.....	5,434	8,151	251,376	2,717	4,075	.....	.....	.....	271,753
1849	.....	4,882	7,323	225,824	2,441	3,661	.....	.....	.....	244,131
1850	.....	4,500	5,700	1,200	204,473	1,800	.....	$30,025	.....	247,698
1851	.....	1,971	3,236	154,723	2,251	2,105	.....	214,072	$951	379,309
1852	.....	443	57,543	93,122	750	.....	.....	324,931	.....	476,789
	.....	81,581	177,380	3,704,598	244,807	59,352	.....	569,028	951	4,837,697

Statement of amount of gold of domestic production deposited at the United States Mint and branches—Continued.

5.—SUMMARY EXHIBIT OF THE ENTIRE DEPOSITES OF DOMESTIC GOLD AT THE MINT AND BRANCHES TO THE CLOSE OF 1852.

Mints.	Virginia.	North Carolina.	South Carolina.	Georgia.	Tennessee.	Alabama.	New Mexico.	California.	Various sources.	Total.
Philadelphia	$1,351,231	$4,303,280	$521,005	$2,355,135	$35,568	$54,389	$40,667	$133,796 111	$34,707	$142,492,093
New Orleans	.....	741	16,217	39,681	2,719	77,282	.....	17,794,078	7,290	17,938,008
Charlotte	.....	3,187,440	271,572	.....	.....	.....	.....	43,473	.....	3,502,485
Dahlonega	.....	81,581	177,380	3,704,598	244,807	59,352	.....	569,028	951	4,837,697
Total	1,351,231	7,573,042	986,174	6,099,414	283,094	191,023	40,667	152,202,690	42,948	168,770,283